

RUSSIA'S ALABAMAS.

HEK PLEDGED WORD BROKEN.

VOLUNTEER STEAMER RAIDING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PROTESTS FLOUTED.

DELIBERATE PROVOCATION. INTENSE INDIGNATION.

AN ESCORT FOR MERCHANTMEN.

LONDON, Aug. 24. The searching of the British steamer Comedian off Durban by a Russian cruiser, which there is now little ground to doubt is the Smolensk, of the Volunteer Fleet, has caused a great sensation throughout Great Britain. English newspapers of all shades of political views make severe comments upon the searching of the Comedian. The rate of insurance for war risks under the British flag is now fourfold of rates for cargoes under the French or German flag.

The captain of the Comedian has lodged a protest against the action of the Smolensk.

Telegraphing from St. Petersburg, the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states: "The Russian press is jubilant that the Smolensk should have overhauled the British steamer Comedian, and her vexatious conduct is belauded as heroic prowess."

"Certainly, Verbal Notes such as those recently presented by the British Ambassador, Sir C. Hardinge, to Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, protesting against Russia's action, however energetic and courageous, are utterly ineffective. Enlightened Russians admit that the unfriendly act of the Smolensk in running counter to the vaguely worded promises of Count Lamsdorff is calculated to provoke serious measures on the part of Great Britain, the least unfriendly of which would be the escort by warships of merchantmen on the high seas, to protect them from the caprice of Russian officers."

"My exhaustive inquiries at the Russian Foreign Office enable me to affirm that Russia, far from accepting the contents of the definition of contraband and the demand for reparation for seizures contained in the Note from the Marquis of Lansdowne, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, presented on August 16, has not replied, and has not taken any official notice of it. It would be a pure waste of words to continue to protest, because state-like action cannot be expected from the navy and the military, whose predominance among the influences which are answerable for the deliberate provocation of Great Britain on the ocean is unchanged."

"Great Britain has addressed to Count Lamsdorff representations regarding the searching of the Comedian, but the rulers at St. Petersburg imagine that Great Britain is desirous of making a convention with Russia, and that thus she recoils from taking energetic action."

"The 'Times' is slow to believe that there has been a deliberate breach of the pledges given by Russia, but affirms that if Russia has intentionally defied the explicit warnings of our view of the status of the Smolensk, the nation will ask whether it is not time for the navy to protect and, if necessary, to vindicate rights which are absolutely essential to the interests of peace. Russia must understand that on this subject neither the Government nor the people will tolerate further equivocation."

"The 'Standard' and the 'Daily Telegraph' emphasize the new and grave aspects of the questions raised by the action of the Smolensk."

MOVEMENTS OF THE SMOLENSK.

SEARCHING FOR A BRITISH STEAMER.

THE ORMLEY IN DANGER.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

A warship, resembling and supposed to be the Smolensk, passed Cape St. Francis on the south coast of Cape Colony, on Friday. She was flying the French ensign.

The "Times" says that if the Smolensk and the Petersburg proceeded to South Africa after their raids in the Red Sea, they might now be expected there. It is a question of the question that the auxiliary cruisers which were purchased from German firms could have reached South Africa waters.

The Durban correspondent of the "Standard" reports that it now appears certain that the cruiser which stopped the Comedian is the Smolensk.

Advices from Durban state that there is an impression that the Smolensk is searching for the British steamer Ormley, also, belonging to the North of Ireland Steamship Company, bound for New York to Fusan with a cargo of railway material. The Ormley left Durban on Sunday.

THE SINKING OF THE HIP SANG.

DECISION OF A NAVAL COURT.

FORFEITED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

A naval court at Shanghai has inquired into the sinking of the British steamer Hip Sang (1850 tons), owned by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, and impounded in Pigeon Bay, to the west of Port Arthur, towards the close of July.

The court decided that the Russians torpedoed the Hip Sang without just cause, as there was no contraband aboard, and the steamer was quietly voyaging from Nanchang to Chifu, and had her lights burning and the British flag flying.

H.M.S. COLUMBINE.

BRITISH AT LHASA.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

H.M.S. Columbine, special service vessel, which went on the rocks at Green Bay, New York, has been floated off.

The ship to her is slight.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

There have been no Alpine disasters. Five mountain climbers were killed in two days.

The Hereros, the leaders of the revolt in German South-West Africa, by inexpediently moving to the south-east have compelled the German troops to change their tactics.

An earthquake has occurred at Samos, in the Greek Archipelago. One hundred and twenty houses were destroyed, and 12 persons killed.

AFRICAN SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

AMERICAN CUT RATES.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

An international conference to consider the question of shipping freights is sitting at Johannesburg with a view to remedying disabilities experienced by the colonies and British manufacturers.

The freights from America, which are about one-third the amount of the British, are causing a great flow of orders to that country.

THE WAR.

PORT ARTHUR ASSAULT.

JAPANESE GAIN GROUND.

AT GREAT SACRIFICE OF LIFE.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP MINED.

THE SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

RUSSIAN VESSELS STILL IN PORT.

CHINESE DEMAND THEIR DISARMING.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

Though Russian accounts of the general attack made by the Japanese upon Port Arthur allege that the Japanese are losing themselves in thousands, the general drift of the news is that the attack gains ground.

The Russians describe the repulse of the Japanese on July 30, at the point of the bayonet, at Wolf Hill, as another stupor.

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SEVASTOPOLE STRIKES A MINE.

LONDON, Aug. 24 (12 noon).

Rear-Admiral Kataoka, commanding the torpedo craft division of the Japanese Fleet before Port Arthur, reports that on the Russian battleship Sevastopol, 10,000 tons, was leaving Port Arthur yesterday, she struck a mine. The Sevastopol was towed back to the port with a list to starboard.

COMPLICATIONS AT SHANGHAI.

CHINESE AUTHORITY DEFIED.

DISARMAMENT FORMALLY DEMANDED.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

The Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Groszov did not comply with the order of the Tao-tai of Shanghai, to leave the port at the expiration of the time-limit of their stay yesterday.

At the instance of the Tao-tai, Sir P. I. Warren, the British Consul-General, who has been in Shanghai since the Askold, at the Consular office, and the dock company will comply with the request.

Today the Tao-tai will officially demand the disarmament of the cruiser and the torpedo-boat destroyer.

CHINESE SQUADRON REFUSED.

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The Viceroy of Liang-kiang at Nanking has refused the request of the Tao-tai of Shanghai that he should send a Chinese squadron to that port.

ATTENTION OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

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Mr. J. Goodnow, the United States Consul-General at Shanghai, states that the American Government does not intend to interfere.

Though the United States torpedo-boat destroyer Chenango cleared for action on entering Shanghai, Rear-Admiral V. M. Sterling, commanding the United States Philippine Squadron, now asserts that the destroyer was only carrying dispatches, and its movements had no connection with the Japanese destroyer.

THE NOVIK'S ENDING.

ON FIRE AND BEACHED.

ONE OF HER ASSAILANTS DAMAGED.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

Detailed particulars of the fighting between the Novik and the Japanese cruiser Tachibana and Chitose, ending in the virtual destruction of the Russian cruiser after she had been beached at Korskowak, Sakhalin, show that the two Japanese cruisers were searching in heavy weather for the Novik in two directions.

The Tachibana found the Russian cruiser off Korskowak, at half-past 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. She sent word of the discovery by ethergram to the Chitose, and began the attack. The Novik was hit frequently, and retired to the inner anchorage, where she became enveloped in white smoke, and was evidently on fire. The Tachibana was hit through the funnels at 4 o'clock, and her captain withdrew her. Repairs, however, were soon completed.

Meanwhile, the Chitose had arrived, and was beached. The Chitose shelled her for an hour, and then streaming within 200 yards of the Russian vessel saw that she was practically destroyed.

THE CAMPAIGN IN MANCHURIA.

JAPANESE FORCES WEAKENED.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

General Kuropatkin, the Russian Chief of the Russian forces in Manchuria, has discovered that the force of General Oku has been weakened by the despatch of 15 regiments to assist General Nogi in the siege of Port Arthur.

It is expected at St. Petersburg that General Kuropatkin will assume the offensive.

THE VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.

SKRYDLOFF CENSURED.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The Russian Admiralty severely criticizes Vice-Admiral Skrydloff in respect of the last despatch made by the Russian cruiser from Vladivostok.

Admiral Alexieff is held chiefly responsible for the Japanese fleet following the course

CABLE TO THE CONSUL.

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TOWED TO PORT ARTHUR SINKING.

Mr. K. Iwasaki, the Acting Consul-General for Japan, received the following cable from

"The commander of the Japanese torpedo-destroyer Asashio reports that the Russian battleship Sevastopol, while bombarding the Japanese kind post from the Japanese harbour on the 23rd inst., struck a mine. The warship was observed to incline to starboard, and her bows became submerged. In that condition she was towed into Port Arthur."

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

There seem to be grave reasons for the opinion that Russia—owing to the paramount influence of the naval and military clique—has the ear of the Emperor, and that the Emperor has been provoked by the Russian press to take a course of action which will result in a general war.

No sooner does one international storm partially subside than another bursts over the diplomatic arena. The vaguely worded promises of Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, are being treated as a mere bluff, and the Russian press is demanding a more definite course of action.

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THE CZAR'S CLEMENCY.

HIS BAPTISM CELEBRATED.

POLITICAL OFFENDERS PARDONED.

PARTIAL AMNESTY TO FINLAND.

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The Czar, in a manifesto on the occasion of the baptism of the Czarvitch Alexie, which takes place to-day, abolishes corporal punishment in the rural classes, and grants full amnesty in the army and navy.

The manifesto grants amnesty of sums payable for the purchase of land, and of other direct imposts.

It devotes 3,000,000 roubles (£300,000) of the State funds to establish an insalubrious fund for the benefit of the people in the land without land, and an amnesty to persons who have emigrated without authorisation, and remits fines imposed on Finnish communities for residing in Russia in 1902 and 1903.

By this document the Czar also remits fines on Jewish communities in the case of Jews avoiding military service, and provides an all-round reduction of sentences under common law, and a general amnesty for all political offences except murder.

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which unexpectedly entered one a week ago, now carrying lots of good-grade sulphides. At the South Gate of the mine, which is at the level of block 5 shaft is still being mined preparatory to unwatering the pit. The southern drive from the western shaft at the same level remains very hard, however, some veins of galena have come out, and assays from the full face show 10 per cent lead, 200 ounces of silver. The excavation for a large chamber at the first level of the Victoria's main shaft is now being completed. The plan there probably be purchased outright by the Associated Company.

Mr. Pritchard, of Messrs. Bewick, Morris and Co., is expected to return to Kailash about the middle of October. Mr. H. Hoover, one of the principal partners in the same firm, will probably visit this State the beginning of next year.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.
LONDON, Aug. 23.
On the Stock Exchange to-day Chicago were quoted at 84.

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